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SYNOPSIS

THE CAST

JOE, THE ICEMAN.....GEORGE BEBAN
 District Attorney Kelland.....J. W. Johnston
 Mrs. Godfrey Kelland.....Wanda Lyon
 Their Daughter.....Baby Evelyn
 Marie Simpkin, the Maid.....Nettie Belle Darby
 The Cobbler.....O. Vangrilli
 His Daughter Trina.....Helen Holcomb
 His "Sweetheart".....Maria Di Benedetta
 The Presiding Judge.....William Howat
 Attorney for the Defense.....John K. Newman
 InterpreterGeorge Humbert

THE STORY

JOE the Iceman was happy. Why shouldn't he be, for hadn't he worked hard for years to save a little money, and didn't he have enough now to furnish a tiny apartment and send to Italy for his Sweetheart? He had and he did, but his preparations and announcement gave only sorrow to Trina, a pretty girl next door, daughter of his neighbor the cobbler, and for a long time his best friend.

The day arrived, Joe went to fetch his sweetheart, and a little later a taxi drive up in style before his lowly tenement. Out jumped Joe, then many gayly-wrapped bundles, while Trina's heart sank. Would the sweetheart be beautiful? As if in answer, a kindly-faced, white-bearded lady stepped out—Joe beckoned Trina, and introduced his "sweetheart"—his mother.

Joe's mother knew not a word of English, and her ignorance of the language soon caused trouble. While she was working happily about the apartment one day, a man rushed through the place, and a little later two detectives followed. They were on a clean-up of the city, headed by District Attorney Kelland, and the fugitive was a notorious gang leader. The mother shook her head when they asked her if she had seen him. When they captured him a

moment later, they took the old lady along as a confederate.

Through political friends, Joe got his mother released, and Trina and the old lady set to work to help the family fortune along—for Joe had declared his love for the girl and they could be married soon.

Joe, of course, would not permit his mother to work, and so she had to go secretly about it, and he did not know that she was doing laundry work from the house of District Attorney Kelland himself. Far from helping the family, this labor of love brought on a crisis.

For, coming home one day with a basket of clothes, the mother discovered a pearl necklace hidden in it. She was admiring its beauty and wondering how it could have gotten there, when one of the detectives from Kelland's office wandered in and found her. "Caught with the goods!" was his verdict, and, stunned and bewildered, she was hustled off to detention.

Joe, returning home a little later with a gift for her, found only a hat of his mother's which had been battered out of all shape. Frantically, he rushed about, and finally found her,—in a cell. He was beside himself—his poor, kindly mother arrested, in jail! He pleaded, tears in his eyes, with police officers, anyone who would listen, but for his troubles, was thrown out on the street. His world seemed at an end.

Then came the trial. Defying all court procedure, Joe made a plea directly to the jury. But the District Attorney told the facts, and they seemed to indicate only one thing. They brought in a verdict of guilty. Joe went mad—revenge would be his.

The crooks who had sworn to "get" Kelland found a willing ally in Joe. They doped a golf ball with high explosive. Joe was to follow the District Attorney when he went to play his favorite game, make the substitution, and see the man who put his mother in prison blown to pieces.

The plot worked right up to the final moment. Kelland was swinging at the ball, when Joe, with a yell of warning, leaped from his hiding place and threw himself forward as the club descended, intercepting the blow.

They took him to the clubhouse, and there took place the final unravelling of the drama. For Mrs. Kelland discovered that it was her little girl who had put the necklace in the basket, the mother was freed, and life once more took on rosy hues for Joe and Trina.

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